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CHAU-TREUNG FAI,

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Hongkong, 2nd May, 1897.

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# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1897.

## To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL.

TO-MORROW, (SATURDAY), the 20th November, 1897.

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Hongkong, 19th November, 1897. [1737]

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OFFICE,  
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Hongkong, 19th November, 1897. [1737]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship  
"ZAFIRO".  
Captain Cobban, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 22nd instant, at 3 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1897. [1736]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT).

STEAM TO CALCUTTA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship,  
"MORAVIA".

Captain E. Meconz, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at Noon.

For information as to Passage and Freight apply to SANDER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1897. [1738]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL

THE Steamer,  
"FALLODON HALL".

Captain Wm. Jeffs, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at Noon.

To be followed by the S.S. "FERNFIELD" on or about 5th Dec. S.S. "YARROW" on or about 15th Dec. S.S. "HANSFAT" on or about 10th Jan., 1898. S.S. "LYDERHORN" on or about 15th Jan., 1898. S.S. "ORWELL" on or about 15th Feb., 1898.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1897. [1736]

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STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KURRACHEH, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, VENICE, FUIME, AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, ADRIATIC, and SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship,  
"VINDOBONA".

Captain C. Androvich, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at Noon.

Cargo will not be received on board after 3 P.M. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to SANDER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1897. [1742]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS).

THE Steamer,  
"GANGES".

Captain T. F. Cressy, carrying Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 22nd Dec., at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. This Steamer connects at Bombay with the S.S. "Calcutta", leaving that Port on the 25th December for London direct.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London, (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1897. [1747]

## To-day's Advertisements.

### NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY will give an ORCHESTRAL CONCERT in St. GEORGE'S HALL on FRIDAY, the 3rd December, 1897.

Further Particulars will be announced later.

ALEX. CUMMING.  
Hon. Secretary

Hongkong, 16th November, 1897. [1741]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, (Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"AIRLINE".

Captain Ellis, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 2nd December, at 2 P.M.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1897. [1739]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "VICTORIA," FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND SHANGHAI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1897. [1740]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIFSTE, VENICE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, JEDDAH, SUAKIM, MASSAWA, HODEDDA, ADEN, KURRA, CHI, ROMBA, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPOR.

THE Steamship

"TRIESTE".

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained. This vessel brings Cargo—

From Trieste, ex S.S. Pollux, transhipped at Colombo.

From Trieste, ex S.S. Imperator transhipped at Bombay.

From Venice, ex S.S. Marstalliano and Carlotta transhipped at Trieste.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon to-MORROW.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 27th November, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 27th November will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SANDER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1897. [1743]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"PAKING."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 26th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on FRIDAY, the 26th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 26th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1897. [1740]

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# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1897.

## THE INDIAN FRONTIER WAR.

## NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The *Yashma*'s armament is similar to that of the *Fiji*—namely, four 12-in. quick-loading guns, 40 calibres long, firing a projectile of 800 lb., with muzzle velocity of 2,400 ft. There are also ten 6-in. quick-firing guns, 40 calibres in length, firing a projectile of 100 lb., with a muzzle velocity of 2,500 ft. The auxiliary armament consists of 21-pr. and 3-pr. Hotchkiss guns, fitted with Elswick automatic breech-opening gear. On the occasion of the gunnery trials three rounds were fired from each of the 12-in. guns and from each of the 6-in., four rounds being fired from each of the Hotchkiss guns. The trials were in a high degree satisfactory. The trials of the four submerged torpedo tubes, of Elswick design and manufacture, were watched with great interest, as, though the *Fiji* had passed through her orders with success, yet in a matter such as this, where a new departure has been made, the results of one trial cannot be taken as conclusive until confirmed by others. The full load of the Elswick tubes was amply borne out by the *Yashma*'s trials, as a round fired with the ship steaming seventeen knots and a round fired with the ship stopped resulted in the tail frames of the torpedo coming off. A thorough investigation into the cause of the accident was made, which had the effect of a slight readjustment being found necessary. The trials were then resumed, and all the runs were completely successful. Cordite impulse was used throughout, the absence of detonation of the torpedo from the line of bearing on which the tube is fixed being a most remarkable feature of the practice. The torpedo tubes in their automatic action also gave every satisfaction. Captain Arima is in command.

## NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The Nippon Yulen Kaihatsu's steamer *Tokio Maru*, Capt. E. W. Hissell, from Sydney and ports, arrived in harbour this morning. For the subjoined telegrams we are indebted to our Colonial exchanges:—

MELBOURNE, October 30th. The Victorian Derby was won by Amherst, with Aurora second and Fleet Admiral third.

The Melbourne Stake was won by the Queensland horse Battalion, Col. second, Key third.

November and. The race for the Melbourne Cup was won by Gaulois, Grafton second, Aurora third.

In the race for the D. R. M. Derby made the running from the start, and Elliotdale kept second place nearly all the way, with Aurora, Amherst, and Fleet Admiral close up in that order. On entering the straight, however, Amherst rushed to the front and won easily by four lengths. Time 2 m. 39s. 4c.

LONDON, November 1st. The Federated Trade Unions of Great Britain have decided to ask the President of the Board of Trade to arrange a conference with employers on the question of shorter hours of labour.

Mr. Ritchie replied to the effect that the present time is inopportune.

The death is announced of Mr. Henry George, the well-known single-tax advocate.

ADLADE, November and. The first International cricket match with Stoddart's English Eleven and the South Australian team commenced at Adelaide on Thursday.

The South Australians won the toss, and their first day's play concluded with a score of 371 for five wickets, Hill being 26 not out. The South Australians concluded their innings on Friday for a total of 409 runs.

At the conclusion of the Friday's play, the Englishmen had scored 263 runs for three wickets. Radcliffe being not with 137 to his account.

On Saturday the Englishmen concluded their innings for a total of 475 runs, Soward being unable to bat. The South Australians resumed play at the wickets and three wickets were down at the end of the day's play for 224 runs.

The match was continued on Monday but rained interfered with the play, and the game was drawn.

In their second innings the South Australians lost five wickets for 183 runs.

BRISEBANE, November and. The second officer of the barque *Wadsworth*, Mr. Berston and a little girl named Maggie Jamison were both drowned on Sunday, the former in endeavouring to rescue the other, who had fallen in the river.

A severe thunderstorm, accompanied by unprecedeted rain, passed over Brisbane and suburbs yesterday.

Severe damage was done to property, roofs of houses being pierced by large lumps of hail six inches in diameter.

A man named Milton who was crossing the railway line near Milton during the storm was knocked down by a passing train and sustained such injuries that he died shortly afterwards.

Several of the Queensland Labour Unions have voted aid to the engineers' strike in England, the Longreach branch of the Shearers' Union heading the list with £50.

BRISEBANE, November 10th. The Mining Commission has finished their report on the pearlshelling industry at Thursday Island.

The report recommends the appointment of Mr. F. L. Jardine, of Somersett, as general inspector of the Towns' State Fisheries, the closing for a time of certain fishing beds, and the adoption of stringent regulations regarding Japanese in the industry.

The report is not yet published, but there is every reason to believe that the above are the chief recommendations.

The dividends declared by mining companies in Queensland for the month of October is shown to amount to £6,000, against £5,000 in New South Wales. The October crushings are 81,000 tons, which yielded 250,000 ounces of gold.

LONDON, November 3rd. Lord Rosebery has spoken strongly against the system of imperial and colonial preferential trade as advocated by Mr. Chamberlain, which he considers would excite the permanent hostility of the white world.

The Hon. T. J. Byrnes addressed a meeting of merchants in London on the resources of Queensland, and deal specially with the metal trade.

Representatives of the engineering employers of Great Britain and the engineering workmen after an interview with Mr. Ritchie, President of the Board of Trade, consider that there is no likelihood of a successful conference at present to settle the dispute, and both parties are preparing to continue the struggle.

Since the commencement of the strike pay amounting to £50,000 has been distributed amongst the men.

Mr. John Burns has appealed to the 70,000 Government workmen to contribute one shilling per week each to the funds in aid of the strikers.

Lord Rosebery, speaking at Manchester, stated that the attempt at mediation in the present dispute will all prove fruitless.

Since the beginning of the war on the Indian frontier the British troops have lost 4 killed, and 83 wounded, and the British India troops have lost 17 killed and 595 wounded.

A further conflict is reported to have taken place on the frontier, tributaries having attacked and looted a British baggage train, four men being killed and several wounded.

a favourable position are permanent, and every port to the United States remaining the cheapest steel-producing country in the world."

WASHINGTON, October 20th.

The order establishing the St. Michael reservation was issued this afternoon and reads as follows:—

"By the authority of the President the land known as St. Michael Island, with all contiguous small islands within 100 miles of the location of the flag staff on that island, is set aside from the public lands from the Territory of Alaska and declared a military reservation. Parties who have, prior to the receipt of this order, located and erected buildings on the land so reserved will not be disturbed in their use of lands, buildings and improvements, nor in the erection of structures needed for their business or residence."

The military reservation above declared, and the military post located thereon, will be known as Fort St. Michael and will be under the control and supervision of the commanding officer of the troops there stationed.

NEW YORK, October 17th.

Charles A. Dana, editor of the *Sun*, died at his home on Donors Island, near Glen Cove, Long Island, this afternoon at 1.30 o'clock, at the age of 78.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 18th.

Ret. Admiral John L. Weller, died in this city today. Pneumonia was the immediate cause of Weller's death. He was 80 years of age, and up to last Saturday was in very good health. Admiral Weller was one of the few remaining heroes of that old regiment which made the United States navy so glorious in its achievements. For nearly two-thirds of a century he was a naval officer.

LONDON—October 18th.

The *Daily News* in an editorial headed: "The Bimetallic Conspiracy" says this morning:—

"We do not know what authority there may be for the statement that the Government has agreed to continue the negotiations, nor can we see what the United States or any other country has to do with the matter. But there must be an end to the conspiracy of silence in which the Government is involved. Our financial credit is far too serious a subject to be bartered with foreigners in the dark." After severely reprimanding the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the governor of the Bank of England for their share in the transactions, the *Daily News* pointedly demands explanations from Mr. Balfour, the First Lord of the Treasury, and says: "There are those, including ourselves, who regard it as a public scandal that the First Lord of the Treasury should be a bimetallicist. They argue that foreign critics may justly doubt the sincerity of our monometallism when they see a man at the treasury who would, if he could, destroy the whole of our monetary system." After indicating that the question has been left open with a view to influencing the two forthcoming Parliamentary by-elections in Lancashire, the *Daily News* reiterates its demand for full publicity and calls particularly for the letter written by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, to the governor of the Bank of England.

October 19th.

The *Daily Chronicle* this morning, commenting on the death in Cuba last week of W. Hughes, corespondent of *Black and White*, of London, who is said to have starved to death in the streets of Havana, after having been incarcerated and tortured by a party of Spanish garrison, says: "If this story of his death is true, fresh accusations of Spanish action will arise and the British Government may have something to say." Hughes was found dead on the Prado Havana, last Thursday night. He had recently returned from the *Prado* to *El Vedado*, where he was a man of the *Prado* transport killed and a woman wounded.

The Second Brigade moved out to stop a large number of Afghans coming down the hill. Casualties: Lieut. Caffie, Yorkshire, severely wounded.

A party of the 46th Sikhs was attacked at 5 p.m. The enemy were beaten off with the loss of one sepoy wounded.

The transport from Arhangha Pass coming into camp an hour later was attacked. A hand-to-hand fight ensued. Three men of the Queen's were killed and four wounded; one man of the Jeypore transport killed and a woman wounded.

Adam-Khal Maliks have written offering to send 50 rifles lost from the Khyber.

CAMP MAIDAN, November and.

Arrangements were made yesterday for forming an advance depot at Midnapore. Two大 (two) piles are now being passed over the Sunda-gaon, 3 companies, 2nd Midnapore Pioneers and No. 1 Company, Madras Sappers and Miners, are encamped at the foot of the Sunda-gaon for road-making. The camel road to Mardan will probably be open by the 5th or 6th.

A few shots were fired into Kali last night, wounding the sentry.

SADDAA, November and.

200 rifles, with E. J. moved from Saddaa to Purnia.

A reconnaissance was made to-day to a point east of Tolung and close to Mengan, a survey party accompanying.

The Alesherai villages all showed great friendliness and hospitality. Mengan appears the largest and most important village in Alesherai territory.

The Baghikai Chakmanki *jeera* enquires whether the Khan of Rayyekel II Government is sending troops to their country and if they can come to Korum. The *jeera* was informed that General Lockhart will decide.

Arzila Khan is trying to stir up some of the Tari Maliks who have refused negotiations.

Perhawri reports that the situation at Barki is unchanged.

Teochi news, 2nd: Both telegraph wires between Datta Khet and Bora were cut early this morning. Heliographic communication on between the Srinagar Survey Column and Sial was established.

Six small columns proceeded from Srinagar at 8 A.M. to Sial to search the villages of the Gahera Lundi Khet. All were found deserted.

SADA, November 1st.

Three squadrons of the 6th Bengal Cavalry moved from Sultan to Parachinar. All is quiet in the Kurum. The Alesherai Maliks were killed at Nandian on the 25th. Total casualties among the Alesherai, near Samana, now reported to be 15 killed.

HINJWARI, November 1st. The Base Commandant who has a remount of 40 Thar Orakzais being in Uchian with intent to raid, but adds the Deputy Commissioner does not credit the information.

The qibla Baitery, P.A., left Kohat to-day for Khostgarh.

Teochi news, 2nd: Katiskhol, 1st November:—Col. —— visited the Afghan boundary pillar No. 4 to-day. The Srinagar Survey Column and Sial were all well.

SIMLA, November 4th.

General Lockhart wires on the 1st:—On arrival in Camp Maidan a large number of Afghans with their families and cattle were seen marching their way over the Surana Pass into the Bora Valley. It was impossible to intercept them as they were already six miles ahead and the ascent to Surana was very steep.

General Hill reports that Arzila Khan is endeavoring to incite the Chakmanki and Massauds to attack Sada tomorrow but the Massauds are anxious for peace.

General Hammond hurried out yesterday and reconnoitred the Gando Pass with 20 men. There was no sign of the enemy until returning, when a few appeared on the hills. There has been no firing into camp or any robbery for the last three nights.

General Lockhart, writing on the 3rd, from Camp Maidan, says:—No. 2nd Brigade in reconnoitring with 3rd Brigade on the 3rd ult. The First and Second Divisions, excepting the First Brigade, moved from Mardan into the Maidan Valley on the 3rd. The troops left camp at 6 A.M. The enemy held sappers on one side of the Pass and some distance eastward. The Fourth Brigade advanced on Oosai Village and opened fire at 8.30, the Artillery coming into action at Oosai about 2,000 yards from the Pass. The Second Brigade advanced up 3 spurs to turn the left of the Pass which was reached and enemy driven off at 10 A.M. The camp was pitched about 3 miles below the Pass in a valley about 4 miles wide and 9 miles long, all under cultivation, richly studded with villages and good water in the streams. The Dorots held the Arhangha Pass during the night.

The casualties during the day were Captain Seal, 36th Sikhs, severely wounded; one driver, No. 8 M. B. H. A., killed; one sepoy, 3rd Sikhs, severely wounded; 3 more drivers killed and two wounded.

Sada, the 3rd—200 rifles, 5th Gurkhas, left Parachinar for Sada.

Datta Khet, 3rd—A party of cavalry from Srinagar and the Survey Column, accompanied by Mulla, reconnoitred the Rabi Khet country yesterday as far as Bisham Khet.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The following telegrams from our San Francisco exchanges were "crowded out" of last night's issue:—

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The Lure-Daffid of the qibla Bengal Lancers was taken prisoner on the 18th of October reached Bora having been exchanged for a Havildar of the Khyber Rifles taken prisoner by us.

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LONDON—October 18th.

The *Daily News* in an editorial headed: "The Bimetallic Conspiracy" says this morning:—

"We do not know what authority there may be for the statement that the Government has agreed to continue the negotiations, nor can we see what the United States or any other country has to do with the matter. But there must be an end to the conspiracy of silence in which the Government is involved. Our financial credit is far too serious a subject to be bartered with foreigners in the dark." After severely reprimanding the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the governor of the Bank of England for their share in the transactions, the *Daily News* pointedly demands explanations from Mr. Balfour, the First Lord of the Treasury, and says: "There are those, including ourselves, who regard it as a public scandal that the First Lord of the Treasury should be a bimetallicist. They argue that foreign critics may justly doubt the sincerity of our monometallism when they see a man at the treasury who would, if he could, destroy the whole of our monetary system." After indicating that the question has been left open with a view to influencing the two forthcoming Parliamentary

